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## ***Road Project Rolling Along in Iraq's Wassit Province***

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A paver smooths out a stretch of road in the Wassit province in Iraq. It is part of the Ahrar-Numaniyah-Sudadiyah-Suwayyah road maintenance project and is scheduled to be completed in February, 2008 at a cost of more than \$2 million. The roadway will provide access to vital centers of commerce throughout the province and provide a boost to local morale and security. (USACE photo by John Connor)

FOB DELTA, Iraq – There's something about the feel of driving on a freshly repaired road or highway.

It's more than just a lack of potholes, crevices and bumps.

A fixed road, even a road in the process

of being fixed, can convey a sense that the neighborhood is on the rise and things are looking up.

So it may well be for the countless Iraqis who are and will be driving along a stretch of road in Wassit province being

repaved under a project undertaken by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

The project, which is about 60% complete, entails the repaving about 25 kilometers of seven-meter wide bituminous roadway, with two meter shoulders on either side, according to Maj. Clay Morgan, resident engineer in the Corps' Wassit Resident Office.

The so-called Ahrar-Numaniyah-Sudediya-Suwayyah road maintenance project is projected to be completed in February, 2008 at a cost of more than \$2 million.

In addition to improving access to vital centers of commerce throughout the province, Maj. Morgan expects the project to provide a boost to local morale and security.

He also noted that this road is one of the main supply routes for supply and equipment convoys traveling to Forward Operating Base Delta.

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